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REMARKS

In accordance with that Office Action, Applicants are requested under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. The species listed in the Office Action are as follows:

- Claim 5, directed to a catheter, a guide wire, a balloon, a filter, a stent, a stent graft, a vascular graft, a vascular patch or a shunt;
- Claims 13-19 various distinct polymeric agents;
- Claim 20 directed to a diblock copolymer and a triblock copolymer;
- Claim 21, directed to a graft copolymer (rather than a diblock or triblock copolymer as indicated in the Office Action);
- Claim 26 is directed to a supplemental polymer.

Applicants hereby elect the following Species:

Claim 5, a stent is elected.

Claim 13-19 (various polymeric agents):

Claims 13 and 14, a poly(alkyl acrylate) block, more specifically, a poly(methyl acrylate) block, is elected.

Claims 15 and 16, a poly(vinyl aromatic) block, more specifically, a substituted polystyrene block, is elected.

Claims 17-19, a poly(methacrylic) block, more specifically a poly(alkyl methacrylate) block, even more specifically a poly(methyl methacrylate) block, is elected.

Claim 20 a triblock copolymer is elected.

Claim 21 a graft copolymer is elected (this is the only species listed in claim 21).

Claim 26, a supplemental polymer is elected (this is the only species listed in claim 26).

Claims 1-27 read upon these species elections.

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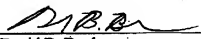
Applicant notes that upon allowance of a generic claim, Applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species provided by 37 C.F.R. 1.141.

Should the Examiner be of the view that an interview would expedite consideration of the application, request is made that the Examiner telephone the Applicants' attorney at (703) 433-0510 in order that any outstanding issues be resolved.

The Office is authorized to charge any fees required, to deposit account number 50-1047.

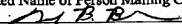
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